

Senate Bill 582

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Cagle of the 49th, Schaefer of the 50th, Rogers of the 21st, Douglas of the 17th and others

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT**

To amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the University System of Georgia, so as to provide that students who have completed a home study program who apply for admission to member institutions of the University System of Georgia as an undergraduate student and who meet certain criteria shall be considered for admission under the same basis; to authorize the board of regents to promulgate rules and regulations regarding such admissions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the University System of Georgia, is amended by inserting a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-3-66.1.

(a) A member institution of the University System of Georgia shall consider for admission an applicant to the institution as an undergraduate student on the same basis as any other student if the applicant has completed a home study program and meets the residency requirements of the board of regents and if:

(1) The applicant's scores on one or more nationally recognized admissions tests are commensurate with those of entering freshmen in the institution; and

(2) The applicant's scores on the institution's entrance or placement examinations would allow the student to be placed in freshman-level, nonremedial classes.

(b) The board of regents is authorized to adopt rules and regulations relating to the operation of admissions programs under this Code section."

**SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2006, and shall apply to all applicants on and after that date.

**SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.